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## Supervisor Rutherford Statement on Adopted Redistricting Plan

**SAN BERNARDINO** – Second District Supervisor Janice Rutherford released the following statement Friday following the Board of Supervisors' 3-2 decision to approve a Supervisorial redistricting plan.

"The redistricting plan approved by the Board of Supervisors Friday is the culmination of months of thoughtful discussions and public input.

"As I suspected from the start of this daunting process, the plan ultimately approved by the Board did not please everyone, and I am certain that if we had chosen one of the other proposals different people would have surfaced in opposition to those lines. The thing is in redistricting there is no right versus wrong; there are only shades of gray.

"The Board of Supervisors was tasked with equalizing populations in the districts to get us as close as possible to the principle of one-person-one-vote, and we were able to do that while also adhering to the provisions of the Voting Rights Act.

"I voted for the Part-Upland/Mountain plan today because I believe it is the best option available to the Board. It equalizes the district populations, adheres to the Voting Rights Act, and maintains three supervisors representing mountain communities on the Board.

"At the end of the day, every single one of us is dedicated to passionately serving the interest and people of San Bernardino County regardless of district borders.

"I look forward to working with residents of the newly united Rim of the World communities to build constructive partnerships, resolve issues, and provide the best representation possible."

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